GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2085
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Service Related Cases of Defence Personnel
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of service related cases of defence personnel lying pending in various High Courts, Armed Forces Tribunals (AFTs) and the Supreme Court as on January 31, 2016;

(b) the number of cases in which the Government has moved High Courts or the Supreme Court against the verdict of the Armed Forces Tribunal, year-wise;

(c) the number of cases in which the High Courts or the Supreme Court have declined to interfere in the decisions given by the AFTs;

(d) whether the Government has since decided to make any alternate arrangement to dispose of these cases expeditiously; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the new arrangement to dispose the cases expeditiously is likely to come in force?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) Information is as follows:

Court No. of Cases

AFT 8678
High Court 3920
Supreme Court 597

Total: 13193

(b) Information is as follows:

Year No. of Cases

2014 994
2015
333

(c)
Year No. of Cases

2014 949
2015
446

(d) As per the existing mechanism, chairperson, AFT is empowered under Rule 3 of the AFT (Financial & Administrative Powers) Rules, 2008 to hold its sitting in circuit benches wherever necessary as an alternative arrangement in any place. In addition to this, new Benches are being set up wherever necessary.

(e) New bench of AFT at Jabalpur has been notified with effect from 09.05.2016 which shall have jurisdiction within Chattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. Further, a regional bench of AFT, Srinagar is being notified soon in due course.

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